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Application No.: 09/888,840

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In re Application of:)

Gary T. WANG et al.)

Application No.: 09/888,840)

Filed: June 25, 2001)

For: ARYL PHENYLHETEROCYCLYL)
SULFIDE DERIVATIVES AND)
THEIR USE AS CELL ADHESION)
INHIBITING ANTI-)
INFLAMMATORY AND IMMUNE-)
SUPPRESSIVE AGENTS)

Group Art Unit: 1604

Examiner: K. Habte

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following response. The period for filing this Response has been extended by the concurrently filed Petition for a Five-Month Extension of Time to March 13, 2003.

In this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction between the following groups of claims:

- Group I** Claims 1-14 (in part) and 16-27 (in part), drawn to compounds, compositions, and method of use, where R¹ or R³ is pyrimidinyl, classified in class 544, subclass various;
- Group II** Claims 1-14 (in part) and 16-27 (in part), drawn to compounds, compositions, and method of use, where R¹ or R³ is pyridinyl, classified in class 546, subclass various;

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